Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

It is not found possible to provide funds for it during the current year; whether it will be possible to do so next year will be considered.

Dewan.—

It is a big estimate of over Rs. 2 lakhs.

Mr. A. M. Venkatasamiah.—

Funds may be provided in instalments. We should be glad if the scheme is completed even in four years.

Dewan.—

That will be of no great use. If we take so long to complete it, the interest charges will be very heavy. Once the work is resumed, it must be completed soon.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

When the estimate was sanctioned, how did Government expect to finance the scheme in subsequent years?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

The condition of the State's finances then was much better than now.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Will not the work so far done go to waste on account of heavy rains, etc., if it is not completed early?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

No; the *katte* is only 4 or 5 feet high and rains will not affect it much.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Are not tank works more important for raiyats than industrial concerns, for example, for which the Government are providing large sums of money?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

The case does not lend itself for comparisons of the kind.

MR. T. SIDDALINGIAH (Dodballapur Municipality).—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state (i) how many superannuated officers of the Mysore Government

drawing a salary of Rs. 1,000 and more are retained in service at present and (ii) for what reasons and on what principles?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A:—6. (i) Six, of whom two will be retiring on 1st July 1932.

(ii) Government consider the retention of the officers necessary in the public interest.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

With reference to the answer to Question (i), who are the two officers that will be retiring?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

The present incumbents of the offices of the Director of Horticulture and the Financial Secretary to Government.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

Will any further extensions be granted to any of the remaining superannuated officers?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

I cannot say that now.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

How many years' extension has each of the six officers enjoyed so far and who are the officers under extension of service?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

The Civil List will furnish that information; the officers referred to are the present holders of the offices of Chief Justice, another Puisne Judge of the High Court, the First Member of Council, the Financial Secretary to Government, the Director of Horticulture, and the Director of Industries and Commerce.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Is there any idea of granting an extension to the Trade Commissioner?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

His name is not in the list under reference.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Are the Government in a position to say that the work of administration would have come to a standstill if any of these officers had been retired?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

No man is altogether indispensable, and so no question of work coming to a standstill arises as a result of anybody's retirement from service; but at the same time, the desirability of granting extensions of service in certain cases is a matter of opinion.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

If superannuated officers are granted extensions, will it not lead to discontent among their juniors?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

It may or may not.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

The answer to Question (ii) says that Government consider the retention of the officers necessary in the public interest. Will the Government be pleased to tell us specifically in what respects each of the officers has proved specially worthy of further retention in service?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

Extension of service is given on account of very satisfactory work done, physical fitness of the officer concerned, non-completion of important works and so many other similar reasons.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

If satisfactory work is a ground for extension of service, are we to presume that all officers to whom extensions are not granted have not put in satisfactory work?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

They are all matters which are usually considered at the time of ordering the retirement or further retention of the service of every officer. Government have no intention to help individual officers by granting extensions.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

If non-completion of works is a ground for extension of service, may I know why the Chief Engineer was retired recently, even though the Krishnarajasagara Works and the Thippagondanahalli Project were still incomplete?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

That is arguing the case.

Dewan.—

Government consider the merits of each case, and if it is in public interest, grant extensions.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

The term 'public interest' being so vague, we ask for special reasons being set out for extensions granted.

Dewan.—

We cannot give reasons; no Government does it.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Is there any limit to the period of extensions that may be granted at a time, or could they be granted for more than one year at any time?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

Extensions granted are ordinarily for one year at a time. But there can be no objection to extending any officer's service for a longer period.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Who is the officer that has now been given an extension of service for two years?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

The Chief Justice.

Mr. M. P. Somasekhara Rao.—

Is it usual for the officer, getting an extension to get himself medically examined beforehand?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

Medical examination is not prescribed by Service Regulations for granting extensions to superannuated officers

by Government but physical fitness is always taken into consideration along with mental efficiency.

Mr. M. P. Somasekhara Rao.—

Suppose, at the time of granting the extension, the officer is very ill and is on leave; do the Government insist on medical examination or not? Is it not desirable to insist on medical examination in such cases?

Dewan.—

You are asking for an expression of opinion.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

As regards the six cases under reference, may I ask whether any section of His Highness' subjects have petitioned to the Government that these officers should be granted extensions of service?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

No; and extensions of service are not matters for disposal on those lines.

Mr. K. V. Veeranna.—

Do not extensions of service granted to superannuated officers result in causing disappointment to their juniors?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

There is no guarantee that those juniors alone will take the places of the superannuated officers even if these are retired.

Mr. G. Channappa.—

Did the six officers under reference themselves ask for extensions?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

Sometimes officers do that.

Mr. D. S Mallappa.—

Which of them did it?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

I am not prepared to answer that question.

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Mr. S. Visvesvara Rao.—

The Government are quite competent to grant extensions for any number of years. But is it open to them, under the Service Regulations, to grant extensions for more than one year at a time?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

There is nothing against it.

Mr. S. N. Sitharama Rao.—

Have not a number of extensions been granted in some cases for three months at a time, and if so, what is the motive behind the same?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

I want notice.

Mr. V. V. Iyer.—

Is it not better and more economical to grant extensions to experienced and competent officers, specially in these days of financial stringency?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

Grant of extensions is recognised by Service Regulations.

Mr. W. H. Hanumanthappa.—

The Director of Horticulture is due to retire shortly. In view of the fact that some of his schemes are still incomplete, is it not desirable to keep him in service for some time longer, especially as he is still strong and physically fit?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

Government consider that from next July he may retire.

Mr. W. H. Hanumanthappa.—

Will the Government be pleased to reconsider the matter?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

That question is not before the House.